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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the basic infrastructure provided to States for Agricultural Research and Education;

(b) whether the existing infrastructure is sufficient to cater to the need of agriculture in the country; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken to expand and upgrade the existing infrastructure?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) This Department has established 95 Institutes including 4 Deemed to be Universities, 5 National Bureaus, 43 National Institutes, 1 National Academy for Agricultural Research Management, 12 Project Directorates and 30 National Research Centres, located in different States of the country. ICAR is also providing developmental grants to State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) for strengthening education. In order to address the location-specific researchable issues All India Coordinated Research Projects/Network Projects are being implemented in the SAUs/ICAR Institutes. In the rural districts, 554 Krishi Vigyan Kendras are also funded by ICAR.

(b) Yes, Sir. However, constant endeavour is made to upgrade the facilities to cater to the emerging researchable needs.

(c) Does not arise.